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RE: Attorney Docket No. HSI920030185US2; Serial No.: 10/663,606; Filed: September 16, 2003; Inventor: Jacey Robert Beaucage et al.

Dear Examiner McDonald:

Attached please find an Amendment B in response to the Office Action dated January 25, 2005, regarding the above-referenced case. Please give me a call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Serial No.: **10/663,606**

Filed: **16 SEPTEMBER 2003**

For: **METHOD OF PREDICTING  
PLATE LAPPING PROPERTIES TO  
IMPROVE SLIDER FABRICATION  
YIELD**

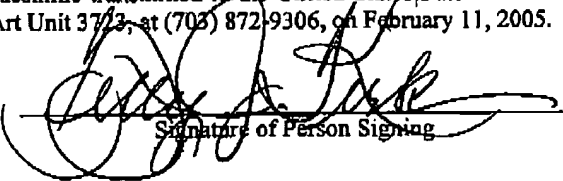
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**AMENDMENT B**

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Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated January 25, 2005, with a shortened statutory period ending April 25, 2005. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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